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1. WE NOTE THAT BELGIAN REPRESENTATIVE HAS TWICE RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE TIMING OF OUR PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE AIR MANPOWER IN THE COMMON CEILING (REF A AND B). OUR POSITION ON TIMING IS THAT NATO NEED NOT DECIDE NOW WHEN TO INTRODUCE AN AIR MANPOWER INITIATIVE TO THE EAST.

2. IN LIGHT OF FAVORABLE WORKING GROUP PAPER (REF E) AND APPARENT WILLINGNESS TO AUTHORIZE AN APPROACH ALONG THE LINES OF THE US PROPOSAL, OUR PREFERENCE IS TO PRESENT THE OFFER OF INCLUDING AIR MANPOWER IN THE COMMON CEILING SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE OFFER OF OPTION III.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT THE SIMULTANEOUS PRESENTATION OF AIR MANPOWER WOULD ADD TO THE SCOPE OF THE WESTERN INITIATIVE,

THEREBY INCREASING THE REQUIREMENT ON THE EAST TO REVIEW THE PROPOSALS AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS AND RESPOND IN A SERIOUS WAY. ADDITIONALLY, THE NATO NEGOTIATORS WOULD THEN BE IN A POSITION TO SAY THAT BY OFFERING TO INCLUDE AIR MANPOWER IN THE COMMON CEILING AND TO REDUCE US NUCLEAR WEAPONS THE WEST HAD RESPONDED TO ALL THE MAJOR POINTS THE EAST HAS MADE ON COMPREHENSIVENESS.

4. WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO DELAY THE AIR MANPOWER OFFER UNTIL AFTER THE PRESENTATION OF OPTION III. OFFERING ADDITIONAL CHANGES IN THE WESTERN POSITION AFTER OPTION III MIGHT GIVE THE EAST THE IMPRESSION THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE MAKING SUBSTANTIVE PROPOSALS AFTER OPTION III EVEN IN THE ABSENCE OF EASTERN MOVEMENT (REF D, QUESTION 4). INGERSOLL

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